



## BLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

The new Blair Public Library and Technology Center combines state-of-the-art technology, expanded collection and staff areas, and multi-use meeting spaces. The 27,000-square-foot facility provides 4,500 square feet of public gathering and meeting spaces, including a technology-rich conference room, a warming kitchen, public restrooms, and 1,800 square feet of sub-dividable meeting space. All can be accessed separately from the library for after-hours use. Unique library spaces include a 1,000-square-foot art exhibit space, and a 500-square-foot Makerspace with digital media, recording, 3D printing and scanning, and a variety of other creative opportunities.

The new library also houses expanded collection spaces, welcoming reading areas, collaborative study opportunities, creative and intuitive wayfinding easy access to power and data and clear sight-lines throughout the space. The Young Adult zone features age appropriate furnishings, gaming stations and an elevated stage. The Children's area offers Early Literacy space, technology learning stations, and a variety of seating arrangements with outdoor views. Two new Program Rooms accommodate a wide range of activities from "messy" activities to quiet story times, and are accessible to outdoor learning areas.

### Additional Photography

#### AWARDS:

**2017 Nebraska Chapter of  
American Public Works Association  
Project of the Year**

SIZE (GSF): 23 500

LOCATION: Blair, Nebraska

PROJECT TYPE: Civic  
Libraries

#### SERVICES:

Architecture  
Mechanical Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Structural Engineering  
Landscape Architecture/Site  
Planning  
Interior Design  
Construction Administration

